

OVERBERG GEOSCIENTISTS GROUP (OGG)

Newsletter #4: 3 March 2025

(OGG – Reg. No. 275-138 NPO)

Herewith the OGG Newsletter #4 with details of the forthcoming **Gold-geology Presentations** by local and international experts. The presentations will be held weekly during March/April; details are shown below and CV's of the presenters are included in the accompanying flyer.

OGG Members Annual Fees (R250.00 per person) – Our Thanks to All of our members who have paid their Subs and made generous donations. A reminder to Members & Supporters that have not yet paid, OGG Annual fees are now due. Your ongoing financial support and interest, is most appreciated and being put to good use on various Projects. OGG Bank Details are shown below:

STANDARD BANK ACCOUNT NAME: OVERBERG GEOSCIENTISTS GROUP NPC
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10168933800 TYPE: CURRENT ACCOUNT
BRANCH CODE: 051001 SWIFT ADDRESS: SBZA ZA JJ

2025 OGG Presentations & Breakfast Program (to April, 2025)

Date (2025)	Speaker	Topic	Venue/Mode/Time
<i>International Au presentation series</i>			
Thursday 6 March	Prof Dave Crow (Univ Otago, NZ)	Placer gold science - without avoiding the Witwatersrand	Zoom (RSA 10h00)
Thursday 13 March	Dr Julian Vearncombe (Perth)	Witwatersrand structures and gold	Zoom (RSA, 10h00)
Thursday 20 March	Prof Neil Phillips (Melbourne)	Metamorphic waters and some of their wonders	Zoom (RSA 10h00)
Thursday 27 March	Prof John Clemens (Univ. Stellenbosch)	Formation of Cu–Au porphyry deposits: what we can learn from igneous petrology	Zoom (RSA 10h00)
Thursday 3 April	Dr Bjorn Von Der Heyden (Univ. Stellenbosch)	Southern African metallogeny with a focus on gold	In-person + Zoom (RSA 11h00) Onrus Manor
Thursday 10 April	Keith Kenyon (Hermanus, RSA)	Why does the Placer vs Hydrothermal origin for the Witwatersrand Gold Ore controversy persist	Zoom (RSA 11h00)

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82172892738?pwd=M1NWUkJFYzhqdTJ2Qk0yZ3BrV2srZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 7289 2738; Passcode: **Overberg**

OGG Breakfast Meetings & Presentations – These are held at Onrus Manor (greater Hermanus area) from 09h30, with breakfast at 10h00 and presentations (in-person & Zoom) at 11h00 on the first Thursday of the month. Participants are requested to please confirm their attendance at the breakfasts for catering purposes.



Articles & YouTube Presentations of Interest

OXFORD GEOHERITAGE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE - *Supported by Oxford University Museum of Natural History; (10-12 March, 2025)*

<https://vexpqo.clicks.mlsend.com/tf/c/eyJ2ljoie1wiYVwiOjEzMjl2MzMzXCJsXCI6MTQ1ODU2NDQ1MDgzMDU1NjQ5LFwiclwiOjE0NTq1NjQ5NDkxNzY0OTQ3Nn0iLCJzljoiMmY1N2YyZjJkZTBiODcyOSJ9>

NW Province (RSA) *Diamond-Triangle* Deposits - Role of Carboniferous Dwyka Glaciers and Permian Ecca sedimentary processes - *Pierre DeJager PPT & YouTube, June 2022* – see attached PPT.

Spotlight on mass honey bee poisonings in W Cape – YouTube

<https://search.app/BfBhGnCuR7PkQjZa8>

2025 OGG Excursions

Bonnievale, Robertson, Montagu & Keisie Valley Geoexcursion (9 - 11 May, 2025) – The excursion is a Friday to Sunday morning outing, overnighing in Montagu, returning home on Sunday morning. It highlights the Malmesbury Basement (>600Ma) geology, Jurassic Enon conglomerates/sediments, Olivine-melilitite intrusive into the Witteberg Group, and provides an opportunity to stand on the hanging-wall of the Worcester fault overlooking the Ashton, Robertson Breede River Valley, as well as view other localities of interest. Kindly confirm your participation with Jean Malan (jeanamilan@gmail.com) or John Bristow (jwbdia@gmail.com). Further details are included in the attached Flyer.

De Kelders Caves + Surrounds (half-day Excursion) (1st half of 2025, date to follow) – This excursion will include visits to the massive Caverns formed in *Bredasdorp Group* limestone at the interface with the underlying TMG sandstones, ~1km beach-walk westward along Walker Bay to mega-dune remnants (*Bredasdorp Group*), an overview of the geology and structural features of the TMG sandstones, and picnic lunch for those wanting to enjoy the sea, sand and scenery.

Geosciences - International Employment Truths Webinar

Facilitated by the *American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG)* and *West African Institute of Mining, Metallurgy & Petroleum (WAIMM)* on Zoom on **12 March 2025, 18:00-19:00 SAST**. [Jon Taylor](#), [Lindsey Shultz](#) and [Palesa Maloka](#) will explore recruitment processes, job market trends, experienced geoscientists [Chris Ainsworth](#), [Danièle Spethmann](#), [Ian Gendall](#) and [Sara Turnbull](#) will provide insights on what it's like to work internationally. Join the thought-provoking dialog on working internationally as a geoscientist using the Zoom Links below:

Registration link - <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/gB36KxNLSACCjibli4i9JQ#/registration>

Info/meet the speakers - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yTLlyyINItRA38ymAs6Gv8B-ZA1CNnB-/view>

OGG Presentations on YouTube

All previous OGG presentations (131 since 2021) are available on YouTube for viewing and sharing. They are accessed by cut/pasting the link below into your browser, clicking on the GSSA YouTube Website, locating the **OGG-Playlist** and selecting the topics and speakers you wish to listen to: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-MPMaHidsW1jR8f-KMmPX8ANZGA-OYna>



OGG Membership

The OGG welcomes new members, and please share these documents with colleagues, non-geologists, students & scholars. For information & membership details see contacts below. Ideas regarding excursions, educational activities, and interaction with non-geologists, scholars and our youth are welcomed. Your support & contributions to the OGG are most appreciated

Many thanks. Kind regards,

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